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Dear sirs:

It is my understanding that a new directive for carrying out the National Environmental Policy Act would allow certain agencies (i.e. Coast Guard, Border Patrol, FEMA, etc.) to have categorical exemptions from adhering to federal environmental regulations if they invoke reasons of national security. As a citizen of the USA, I do not agree with these proposed directives. I believe the implementation of these directives would allow Federal agencies to perform actions that endanger the public health and the environment without any knowledge or input from the public. Protecting the environment is vital to safe-guarding the public health and no government agency should be allowed to circumvent environmental regulations. Federal activities such as building roads and the use or storage of hazardous wastes (for example) have serious implications for the environment and have no actual connection to the war on terror.

Regards,  
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